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SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President, a question of the Speaker, why?

SENATOR BURBACH: I can answer it. As I indicated, as I said a few moments ago, in the last few days of the last session in 1975, LB 612 was introduced. I suppose it was on the day or the day after the tornado. Then the Executive Board several days later introduced a bill somewhat different. So then in the last few days, in the hurry-up of our final closing in order to proceed and progress faster, we gutted LB 612 and put 613 into 612, by an action of this body. At that time, we did not take the proper action on LB 613. We should have killed it at that time. It had no use anymore so we are in this position that we are prone to forget and didn't check closely enough. I guess no one did so, therefore, yesterday we passed LB 613 and 613 was already law by our action on 612.

PRESIDENT: Senator Stoney.

SENATOR STONEY: Mr. President, a question of Senator Burbach, please. Senator Burbach, if we allowed this bill to become law would it not affect any subsequent disasters that we might have in the state? Could it not be used in that manner?

SENATOR BURBACH: Emory Burnett called me yesterday evening about 4:30 p.m. When he saw the legislation, he compared it to LB 612 and I think he said it is identical or almost identical. He suggested that we ask to strike the enacting clause. There is no need of having the duplication.

SENATOR STONEY: Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Mahoney.

SENATOR MAHONEY: Mr. President, what the bill actually did, we needed a vehicle for the funding on LB 612. We used that vehicle but we also put in those changes of the National Civil Defense Emergency Fund. I mean, the fact we needed these laws changed and what we had then was two bills carrying the same message. So as we took LB 613 across yesterday, we were just passing the same thing that we had done last May in LB 612. So 612 was the bill that took care of both the funding and, for the Omaha tornado, and it also took care of the changes in the Federal Disaster Act.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion? The question is, shall the Legislature reconsider its action in the Final passage of LB 613? Record your vote. Record.

CLERK: 35 ayes, 0 nays, 14 not voting on the motion to return, Mr. President. I have another motion on the desk.

PRESIDENT: All right. The bill is returned. Read the motion.